

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NEGRO WELFARE
LEAGUE OF NEW JERSEY FOR
JUNE-1918.

EMPLOYMENT

During the month of June there have been calls for help from the Lehigh Valley R.R., Hyatt Roller Works, National Synthetic Co., Perth Amboy, Ruggles-Robinson Construction Co., Harrison, Carnegie Steel, Standard underground Cable Co., in Perth Amboy, N.J. and L. Bamberger & Co., and from many other places of industry near Newark. They called for numbers of from four to forty. Calls were made for houseworkers, janitresses, laborers, factory workers and a jeweler's apprentice, porters, elevator runners and a stable man.

Seventy-two persons came to us for work, fifty-eight were placed, 33 women and 25 men.

Placements were made in Newark, Orange, East Orange, and Perth Amboy. A woman cook at \$15. a week, a woman cleaner and duster in a piano store at \$10. and a jeweler's apprentice at the Long and Koch Co. who is now learning his trade, were among the unusual types of work given.

We secured a number of laborers and one moulder for the Standard Underground Cable Company, Perth Amboy, N.J. This was done by making the Company responsible for advertisement here in Newark and we gave our office and time to such persons as were willing to go there.

HOUSING

There were 12 persons who came to us asking us to secure rooms for their families. We were successful in locating a house for one family in East Orange.

HEALTH

Conducted one Food Conservation Meeting in St. James A.M.E. Church. Co-operated with the North Jersey Medical Society in a Health Meeting in Zion Baptist Church. Reported two places out of order to the Board of Health.

RECREATION

Boys Scouts still meeting at Female Charities Building. Red Cross meeting regular Wednesday's, Belmont Avenue School

is being kept open during the summer. The Secretary is very pleased to state regarding this Center that from an unexpected source he was told that it is effecting very beneficially the life of that Community. It is reaching the people for whom it was intended. The Secretary is glad also to report that Mr. Warden, Supervisor of social centers in the Newark Schools, says that there is not a more orderly group to be found in any of the Centers.

We co-operated in sending the Children of the Good Samaritan Home on an outing with the Automobile Club, June 18. In doing this we borrowed for the day from the Department of Health, Miss Mulford, the colored nurse, who helped Mrs. Morris chaperon the children. Mrs. Franciaco, one of our Friendly Visitors also went. The trip was beneficial and successful.

MONEY GOTTEN

Butterworth-Judson \$25 and \$22.50 was collected from envelopes there by Mrs. Olivia Benson and Mr. Slater.

CASES

Sixteen cases have come to our attention. They included trying to recover money invested in a mining company, trying to get funds to send a tuberculosis sufferer to Arkansas, trying to locate a runaway girl, two adjustments made between tenants and landlords, patching up a family difference and trying to recover a wife's allotment from a husband who is in France. and other miscellaneous types.

CO-OPERATION

There has been co-operation with the Bureau of Associated Charities, Children's Aid, Board of Education, Board of Health, Automobile Club, Down Town Committee and the Red Cross, N.J. Federation of Colored Men's and Women's Clubs.

SPECIAL

Held a joint meeting in Old St. Paul's Church, Broad and Marshall Sts. at which Mr. L. Hollingsworth Wood, President of N.E. Urban Conditions Among Negroes and Rev. C.A. Findley of Philadelphia were the speakers. The meeting was enthusiastic and well attended by people of both races and I am sure it did something to further our work here.

We are now trying to raise funds to purchase a building and I believe that while money is not piling in, we can at least be hopeful.